

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 725 - SB 1648**

March 16, 2009

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires visible evidence of baiting prior to any individual being charged with the offense of hunting or taking of animals by use of bait.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Decrease State Revenue - \$14,100/Wildlife Fund**

**Decrease Local Revenue - \$29,100**

Assumptions:

- An average of 418 baiting violations per year.
- Approximately \$32,350 is collected annually by local courts for court fees associated with such violations.
- 90 percent of the current baiting prosecutions would not occur.
- A decrease in local revenue of approximately \$29,100 due to decreased court fee collection ( $\$32,350 \times .90 = \$29,115$ ).
- The average fine for such violation is \$50.
- The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency receives approximately \$37.50 per violation.
- The decrease in revenue to the Wildlife Fund is estimated to be approximately \$14,100 [ $(\$37.50 \times 418) \times .90$ ] = \$14,107.50.

**CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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